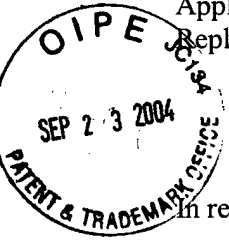


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I. Introductory Comments

The present paper is being submitted in response to the Species Restriction - Office Action mailed August 23, 2004.

No fees, including extension of time fees, are believed necessary for consideration of the present paper. However, if any fees, including extension of time fees are necessary, the extension of time is hereby requested, and the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees, including those for the extension of time, to Haynes and Boone, LLP's Deposit Account No. 08-1394.

Election of Species is on page 2 of this paper.

Listing of Claims begins on page 3 of this paper. No amendments are currently submitted.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 7 of this paper.

II. Election

The Office action mailed August 23, 2004, alleges that the application contains claims directed to the following species:

Species I: Figures 1-3

Species II: Figures 4A-4C

Species III: Figures 5, 7

Species IV: Figure 6

In response to the election of species requirement, Applicants elect the species of Figures 1-3. Claims 1-21 and 23 are readable on the elected species, and are also considered generic.